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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In the Claims:

In claim 1, line 9 delete the second occurrence of "commodity", on line 10 delete "lower than
30 said first price and".

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2001. Reconsideration of the subject application is respectfully requested based on the above Amendment following Remarks.

Claim 1 has been amended to delete "commodity" to render the claim definite.

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Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 9 and 13 are rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,047,274 (the '274 patent herein). Parenthetically, the undersigned wishes to thank the Examiner for clarifying